

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

1-10. (Cancelled)

11. (New) A method of administering to a patient a sublingual pharmaceutical formulation for the treatment of inflammatory symptoms of various type, generally associated with pain and fever, said pharmaceutical formulation comprising at least one non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agent FANS, wherein the therapeutic dose of said anti-inflammatory agent in said sublingual formulation is drastically reduced in comparison with the therapeutic dose of the same anti-inflammatory agent in a pharmaceutical formulation for oral administration, which provides the same therapeutic effect.

12. (New) The method according to claim 11, in which the FANS agent is capable of being absorbed by the oral mucosa.

13. (New) The method according to claim 11, in which the FANS agent is selected among: nimesulide, ketoprofen, ibuprofen, paracetamol, diclofenac, naproxen, ketorolac, tenoxicam or pyroxicam.

14. (New) The method according to claim 11, in which said sublingual pharmaceutical formulation further contains a water soluble excipient and/or a crystalline water insoluble excipient with a disintegrating function.

15. (New) The method according to claim 14, in which said water soluble excipient is mannitol.
16. (New) The method according to claim 14, in which said crystalline water insoluble excipient with a disintegrating function is microcrystalline cellulose.
17. (New) The method according to claim 11, in which said sublingual pharmaceutical formulation further contains a lubricant.
18. (New) The method according to claim 17, in which said lubricant is magnesium stearate and/or PEG 6000 powder.
19. (New) The method according to claim 11, in which said sublingual pharmaceutical formulation further contains a sweetener.
20. (New) The method according to claim 19, in which said sweetener is sodium saccharate.
21. (New) The method according to claim 11, in which said sublingual pharmaceutical formulation is in a pharmaceutical form selected among: gel, granulate, powder, freeze-dried product, pressed capsule or pill.